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November 16, 1978

Mr. Lyman Shumway M & E Mining Company P.O. Box 549 Blanding, Utah 84511

Dear Mr. Lyman:

Re: Road Mine T.33S., R.20E., Sec.20 San Juan County, Utah

The Division has been notified of the M & E Mining Company's intent to commence mining at the Old Road Mine via the U.S.Forest Service's EAR of November 6, 1978 and your Mining Plan of August 2, 1978 forwarded to us by the Forest Service.

To obtain a state mining permit (required by the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975) the Division requests that the enclosed MR Form 1 be filled out completely and returned. Upon receipt of this completed form, the Division will perform an initial inspection of the mine site and grant tentative approval. We will then publish an abbreviated account of your reclamation plan one time only in a daily newspaper of general circulation in Salt Lake City, Utah, and in all newspapers of general circulation in San Juan County, Utah. If no adverse comments are received within the required thirty day waiting period, final approval will be granted. Since the proposed mine lies on forest Service property, you are responsible for the bond to that agency.

Most of the information required by the Division appears to be supplied in the two above mentioned documents. Only one point needs further clarification. This point concerns the origin and the depth of topsoil to be distributed over the disturbed area prior to revegetation. It appeared unclear from both documents whether topsoil had been or is being set aside during mining operations. According to the Act, all topsoil should be stockpiled.

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If you have any questions concerning these requirements, please do not hesitate to contact me. The Division appreciates your prompt cooperation on these matters.

Yours truly,

MARY ANN WRIGHT

RECLAMATION BIOLOGIST

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